



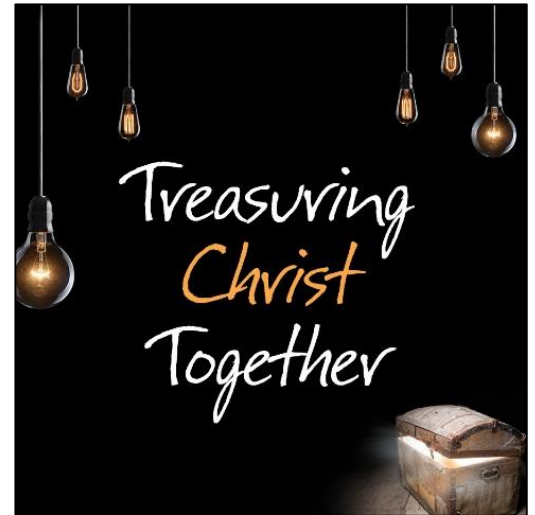
MET MESSENGER

From the Pastor

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth ... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21 ESV)

As a church family, we are in a season of examining our hearts and lives to see where our treasure truly lies. We want to be those who treasure Christ above all other things – but we know how easily we turn to pursue other things. It has been good for us to go through the Treasure Test Bible study in recent weeks, and I know that I personally have been challenged and encouraged from God’s Word. This week we embark on a new sermon series where we will consider what it will mean and look like to treasure Christ together as a church family.

Please join me in praying that God would do a deep work in us as individuals, as families, and as a church family. Just imagine what He might do in us and through us in 2020 if we would truly treasure Christ above all other things, devoting ourselves fully to His work, for His glory.



METYouth Update

Both willing and able! That is what you would quickly see in the lives of a dozen or so Student Leaders at METYouth. Youth Ministry at the Met, as much as it is stapled by an amazing and highly capable team of Mentors and Interns, really kicks into high gear because of the efforts and involvement of several young people who chose to invest deeply in the lives of their peers. Through organizing, leading, hoping and praying, they are involved in all aspects of what happens at METYouth on Tuesdays, as well as during various events and retreats throughout the year. But even more significantly, this incredible group of students takes the time to encourage and pray for other students as they seek to point them to Christ.



It has been a joy serving alongside them, just as it has been a joy to serve with some tremendous Mentors who never fail to spare time or energy in caring for these students and establishing them in Christ.

When you pray for METYouth, pray for our Student Leaders as they serve and give, but need growing as well. Pray that they will be ever increasingly rooted in Christ.

Pray for our Mentors as they desire to see a growing awareness among all students to see their need for God’s grace and make trusting in Jesus their own. All too often, students follow family tracks when it comes to their faith. Pray that the commitment would be their own, and that the Mentors would know how to best lead them towards that.

Finally, pray for our students that, as they make Christ their own, they would deeply desire Jesus for their peers as well. Pray also for other students as they seek to point them to Christ.

Team News – Staffing Update



We are delighted that the Lord continues to build a strong team at the Met.

Dave and Jen Rennalls and their three children, Annabelle, Caleb and Timothy, are settling into their new home just south of Ottawa after the long trek from Louisville, Kentucky. Dave is our new Discipleship Pastor, who oversees our large community group network. Dave will also be helping with the adult Sunday classes.

Dave is an engineer, with a Masters in Divinity, who is currently working on his PhD in Systematic Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. There's more, Dave is also a great home renovator. They are really coming home as both Dave and Jen were raised in Ontario.



We are also very excited that Lorna Powell is our new Children's Ministry Coordinator within the METTykes division. Lorna came to the Met as a small tyke herself. Lorna and her husband, Dave, and their two children, Nate and Audrey, have participated or volunteered in Children's Ministry at the Met for more than a decade. Lorna comes to us with a wealth of experience and brings a passion to introduce young children to the gospel in a bright, engaging environment.

We are still looking for that special person for the Executive Assistant position. If you would like to know more, please email employment@metbiblechurch.ca for further information.

From Our Ministry Board

We rejoice in God's provision over all of the details that lined up to bring Pastor Dave and Jen Rennalls and family. As Dave begins his work in the Discipleship Ministry, we trust that his training and biblical walk up to this point will give him some of the tools he will need to excel. We want our congregation to be connected to others at the Met and to be sharing life as we study the scripture. We pray for Dave as he takes on these duties.

We are praying for the work of the Nominating Committee that is ongoing and request that you stand with us in prayer as we seek the Lord's face regarding His next group of Met elders.

As a new decade races on, we start off on the foundation that God loves us, He created us and pursued us when we were lost in sin. He redeemed us and takes joy in knowing us. We are known and treasured by God. The joy of the Lord is our strength.